



# SHORE LINES

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## DANA SHORES CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

*Mark Your Calendars for Thursday, March 5*

We have three topics on the agenda:

- **Environmental Protection Commission (EPC):** The EPC will provide a brief presentation covering their services and joint opportunities to preserve and protect our natural resources.
- **Neighborhood Initiatives.** We'll provide a high-level update on current and planned neighborhood initiatives.
- **Community Website.** We'd like to share the draft layout we have planned for the community website and gather your feedback.

**Location:** Rocky Point Golf Course

**Date and Time:** Starts at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 5.

**Meeting will adjourn at 8 p.m.**

*If for some reason you are not on our email distribution list and have not had an opportunity to RSVP, please email us at [dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com](mailto:dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com) so we have an accurate indication of the crowd size.*

*Note: Food, beer, and wine may be purchased from the clubhouse during the meeting.*

## DOLPHINS MARK THE SPOT

A few months ago we wrote an article explaining that chemicals, waste, and other debris entering storm drains along our streets run directly from the drains through pipes and into our canals. We're sure many residents knew this and were already taking precautions to help keep our canals clean. Continued on page 6.



## WHO WE ARE; WHAT WE DO

*Spotlight on the Dana Shores Women's Club*

As stated in our Articles of Incorporation, the purpose of the Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) is to bring together all women and auxiliary members of the Dana Shores area who are interested in our social, philanthropic, historical, and preservation purposes. With this in mind, we're gearing up for some busy months as we move into spring.

- **Historical/Preservation:** After working with the civic association to collect petition signatures to stop expansion at Hogan's Beach, we are turning our focus to our annual dues collection. Our fiscal year actually began in September, so we are running a bit behind. Our work with the civic association on the improvements to our street entries is a terrific visual reminder of how some of your dues are used. While the DSCA funds (from dues and awarded grants) paid for the new signage, the decorative pineapples, and the accent tiles for the walls at the end of our streets, the women's club is responsible for maintaining the landscape around these walls. Without irrigation, this has not been one of our more successful endeavors. We are working to obtain grants to help cover the expense of putting irrigation in the beds in front of the walls. This means each entryway will have to have a water meter, and the DSWC will incur a monthly water bill in the future. Once irrigation is installed, we will consult with our neighborhood gardeners as to the best plants for the entries. This won't happen next month, but it is coming. Your annual dues help fund the ongoing maintenance of our street entries.

- **Philanthropic:** We hold a board meeting the first Thursday of every month. During the meeting, the chairwoman of our benevolent committee, Pat Bailey, presents requests we receive from various charitable organizations across the Tampa Bay area. We place a priority on organizations that have directly benefitted our community members. For instance, this month we sent \$150 each to Ronald McDonald Charities of Tampa Bay and McDonald Training Center (in no way related to each other). Local friends of one resident had stayed at a RMH House for an extended period after their daughter was hit by a car in Tallahassee. They needed a place to stay in Tallahassee to be as close to their daughter as possible as she fought for her life. Another member's special needs teenage child recently graduated from high school and is now receiving job training at the McDonald Training Center. Many times our support comes through non-monetary means as well (e.g., clothing collection, canned food collection, toy drive, and blood donations). Regardless of the means, it's important to us to assist charities that have special meaning to our residents.

## Upcoming Events

DSWC Board Meeting: 2/05, 10:30 a.m., at the Rocky Point Clubhouse

DSWC Luncheon: 2/19, 11:30 am, at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant (please RSVP to LeAnn Anseeuw, 727-5524, or 888-6510 by 2/17)

DSWC Happy Hour::2/13, 5:00-7:00, at the Rocky Point Clubhouse

Mark Your Calendars for: The Great American Cleanup, 3/14

DSCA Community Meeting: 3/5, 6:45- \*pm. At the Rocky Point Clubhouse

DSWC St Patrick's TGIF: 3/13, 7:00-11:00 pm, at the home of Ali and Jeff St. Cyr. 3920 Fontainebleau Drive

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## WHO WE ARE; WHAT WE DO

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- **Social:** Of course, we can't forget the many social gatherings the DSWC plans each year for the Dana Shores/Pelican Island communities. On Friday, February 13, we will host a neighborhood happy hour at the Rocky Point Golf Course clubhouse from 5:00 – 7:00. We are putting together two different Valentine's gift baskets to raffle off - one for a man and one for a woman. If you are interested in donating something to one of these baskets, please contact LeAnn Anseeuw at 888-6510. There will be a cash bar and food from the menu will be available for purchase.

The following TGIF party will be in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Details are being finalized and will be in the March Shore Lines. The TGIF parties are fund raisers for the DSWC. There is a cost for admission. Food and beverages are provided. All philanthropic donations are funded through our parties. This funding also goes toward neighborhood maintenance and related projects.

- **Social/Preservation:** March will be a busy month in our community. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 14 for our second annual Great American Clean-Up at Skyway Park. Not only will this be a large-scale community event, but it will also mark the second service project of the year for our neighborhood teens. Specific details will follow but volunteers will have the opportunity to work in 4 hours shifts and there will be several different projects that will be addressed. Our main focus will once again be to tackle the invasive plant species and a general clean-up of the beginning of the bike path from the Skyway Park parking lot. This will be an all-day event, hence the 4-hour shifts. Last year approximately 20 people worked for 4 hours and cleaned out over 8,000 lbs. of vegetation! Imagine what we can do this year working in shifts with our teens helping us. There will be jobs for people of all ages and skill levels.

- Volunteers under the age of 12 will need adult supervision.
- We would definitely appreciate the help of those who have experience dealing with power tools (e.g., chain saws)!
- The civic association is also working to coordinate our annual "dumpster day" for this weekend. We will need volunteers to oversee this portion of the event as well.

You can see we will need the help of many people and there are volunteer positions available for everyone! We are working on a donation for lunch and beverages for everyone who volunteers. If you would like to help our community in this huge endeavor, please call Julie Johnson at 813/389-2847 to put your name on the volunteer list.

- **Social:** The women's club also publishes a directory of members, including our auxiliary male members, which should be going to press by the end of February.
- **Social:** We also do our best to keep up with important happenings on every street.... new neighbors, families who

experience a loss or a serious illness, new babies, etc. If you know of something that you think we should be aware of, please let your street representative know. We are working with the civic association to develop welcome bags for new residents; we send cards out to those who may have had either a good or bad life experience. But we can't do the best job possible without your help. (Your DSCA/DSWC street reps names can be found on page 2 of every Shore Lines newsletter.)

On a related note, if you are a business owner or work for a business in our area and have some type of coupon promoting your business that you would like to have added to our "new neighbor bags", please contact our welcoming committee chairman, Sabrina Martin, at 813/712-9336.

Having given you a fairly thorough description of the workings of the Dana Shores Women's Club and our close association with the Dana Shores Civic Association (we DO work together for the improvement in all aspects of our wonderful neighborhood), I would like to say that if you have already paid your dues to our organizations, thank you. If you have not had the opportunity to do so, I would ask you to please consider supporting our neighborhood with your dues payment. Annual dues for the DSWC is \$25 and for the DSCA, \$50. To support both, you may write one check for the combined amount. You will see a form in this issue of the Shore Lines on page 2 that you may use when submitting your dues. Your DSCA/DSWC street representatives may also be stopping by to ask for your support and to introduce themselves (if you don't already know who they are).

It is rare to find such a close knit community like ours. Both the DSCA and the DSWC appreciate the support so many of you are able to provide to our neighborhood through your volunteer efforts and your financial support. I know I speak for both organizations when I say that we look forward to all the great things in store for our community in 2015.

Julie Johnson  
President, Dana Shores Women's Club



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**DOLPHINS MARK THE SPOT**

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But if any of you were like me, I lived here an awfully long time before I understood this. It was an even longer period of time before I understood that low flow systems like our canals are affected negatively even by simple biodegradables, like leaves and acorns.

With this better understanding, I'm now able to make better choices.

Because the water is what attracts so many of us to this neighborhood and its quality is important to our residents, the civic association wanted a method to shortcut this learning process for others. That is how we came up with the project to mark storm drains and why we asked for volunteers to assist us.

We'd like to thank the Wood family (Nancy, Doug, and Jack) for volunteering, leading the charge, and coordinating their efforts with the civic association. They made a family donation to purchase upgraded storm drain markers for the neighborhood. Then they worked together on MLK Day to install the markers on every street.

When I asked Nancy why they chose to get involved on this project, she said, "I love the water, especially our dolphins and manatees! It has been a dream come true to now live on the water and I feel it is a true privilege. We just want to be able to help take care of our natural backyard, improve it, and keep it healthy for generations to come (generations of water creatures and humans alike)."

Nancy and Holly Simmons, one of our association board members, plan to work together this year to explore additional opportunities to enhance our water quality. They will be meeting with experts this spring to gather ideas. If you have suggestions or would like to get directly involved in this initiative, please let us know by writing us at [dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com](mailto:dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com).

**SOME WELL-DESERVED APPRECIATION...**

It's easy to notice the projects that are underway. They are new and different. But we should never forget the week-to-week work that also goes into making this a great neighborhood. For that, we'd like to tip our hats to Cheri Bett.

Most know that Cheri developed the current website for Dana Shores. She did this proactively on her own to help make Dana Shores a stronger community. Through a grant, the civic association will receive additional funding this year from the county to help build upon this foundation.

In addition to her website work, Cheri is responsible for creating a proactive Crime Watch in Dana Shores. As a direct result of her leadership and the information she has shared, residents have been able to identify criminals for police and prevent a number of would-be crimes. A few times some of us have stepped in to assist Cheri when she was unavailable, and we quickly learned her job is not easy.

Cheri, we appreciate all you have done and continue to do. You help keep us safe, and you encourage us to be better neighbors. Thank you!



**UPDATING OUR ENTRANCEWAYS:**

***PART OF A BROADER INITIATIVE TO UPDATE DANA SHORES***

I truly believe we live in the best neighborhood throughout Tampa Bay. Still, she's got a few years on her and needs a little TLC. And, as we're sure you've noticed, work is underway to give some of that love to our entranceways. We appreciate the feedback we've received thus far. We would also like to share the overall vision, ask for your support, and gather input on future elements of the plan.

- **Community Name and Logo:** The community name and logo at Doral reflect our best efforts to incorporate the feedback we received last year. Suat Gurtan, a metal artisan located in South Florida, worked closely with us to incorporate key design criteria we had gathered from the survey responses: 3-dimensional, neutral colors, simple, elegant, unique, weather-resistant, and secure.

Our long-term vision includes a similar installation on the east wall at Americana Drive. We cannot do this yet, however, due to the utility pole that sits in that flower bed. Assuming undergrounding is passed, we plan to revisit this opportunity after that project is complete.

- **Pineapples, Walls, and Accent Tiles:** Last year's survey also indicated a strong desire to dress up the walls at each entranceway in some fashion. Accent tiles have been added to each column, and work is underway to add four pineapples at each entranceway. Remaining pineapples are in production now. We also have some touch-up work to do on the current installations (and around the sign on Doral).

A few folks have requested changing the wall color next time they are repainted. Others really like how the Dana Shores and Pelican Island walls match in color and complement each other. If you have strong feelings about the color, please send us your thoughts.

- **Irrigation, Plants, Palms, and Borders:** We are partnering with the Dana Shores Women's Club to apply for irrigation grants to help us cover the cost of putting in sprinklers at Doral and other entrances. We will wait to plant new vegetation at Doral until this is complete.

A suggestion has been made to replace the border in front of the walls with a stone border. We can look into this possibility as time and funding permits.

A suggestion has also been made to add a single palm (e.g., a Sylvester or Royal Palm) centered behind each wall. Assuming we are able to underground our utilities and have sufficient space in the right of way or the homeowner's approval, this would be doable, would work well with our design, and would add to the tropical feel at each entranceway.

- **Decorative Street Signs:** We have been saving for this project for two years, and we are very excited about the opportunity to replace old neighborhood street signs and rusty posts (including stop signs, street names, speed limit, etc.) with new signs and decorative posts throughout Dana Shores this coming spring.

## UPDATING OUR ENTRANCEWAYS:

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We've made several considerations in our design choices. First, just as we've done with the walls, we are working to implement a complementary design to Pelican Island's street signs. Second, we are working to consolidate signs on single posts where possible to reduce clutter (i.e., sign pollution). Finally, the design and installation method we've chosen contemplates future upgrades, such as decorative lights above the street blades located at the entrance to each street and the addition of security cameras in key locations. Because lighting and security enhancements would require electricity to be run to these locations, we will look for opportunities to place nearby meter boxes as part of the undergrounding project.

- **Crime Watch and Non-Solicitation Signs:** In our effort to consolidate signs, we had hoped to combine crime watch signs on the same posts used to display the speed limit for each street. County standards will not, however, allow us to combine these signs with any official traffic signs. Each would require separate posts.

This caused us to evaluate other options and, as we dug through the research, questions started coming up as to the effectiveness of crime watch signs and whether they might convey as many negatives (i.e., we have a problem here with crime) as positives (i.e., we are watching and prepared to act). Because of this, limited funding, and our desire to eliminate clutter, we decided to reevaluate crime watch signs after the other street signs have been replaced.

We are also holding off on non-solicitation signs for now since they cannot be placed on the same pole as traffic signs either. We have reached out to the Consumer Protection department of Hillsborough County to determine the best method of promoting a non-solicitation neighborhood. There are methods of trespassing solicitors, and we are working to determine whether they work best with signs posted on roadways or with small, classy placards stating "No Solicitation" at individual homeowner's doors. We will let you know what we learn. If we end up taking the second route, we could place a bulk order to bring individual homeowners prices down. If you have suggestions on a style or other comments related to this, please let us know.

As we've worked on each element of the project, we've had many choices to make and complexities to entertain. We are doing our best to accommodate the various ideas and opinions of the neighborhood. We sincerely hope you like the changes.

Many community members have made significant investments in the work you see thus far. Everyone who submitted ideas and survey responses helped shape our direction. Ken Clark, Brian Roberts, Danny Anseeuw (and crew), and others have been hard at work on current installation efforts. Anne and Paul Whatley have graciously donated electricity to illuminate the sign at the corner of Doral Drive. Phil Williams has led efforts on the design work and vendor bids for the decorative street signs. Dana Shores Civic Association and Women's Club Board members and street representatives have provided guidance and valuable input at different points along the way. Additional work is required, and a number of future acknowledgements will also be coming.

Nearly everything we do to improve the community not only requires an investment of time but also money. We'd like to thank the Women's Club for providing funds they would have normally applied to annual entryway maintenance in order to help us with these upgrades. We also owe thanks to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for funding the grant that helped pay for the community name and logo. All remaining costs are covered through your dues to the civic association.

If you have not paid dues in the last few months to the civic association or women's club for 2015, now is a good time to do so. The entranceways are only one project of many we have underway or planned, and a strong, proactive community requires the participation and financial support of all members. ([A membership form is provided in this newsletter.](#))

We're excited about our progress and the future of this community. We greatly appreciate your financial support and from so many of you, your time, in turning our opportunities into reality.

Allison Roberts  
Dana Shores Civic Association, President



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